

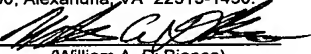


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Art Unit 3738					
Applicant(s): Joseph P. Errico, Michael W. Dudasik, and Rafail Zubok					
Invention: ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING A CIRCUMFERENTIALLY BURIED WIRE MESHENDPLATE ATTACHMENT DEVICE					
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.